



The Seashore (1900), William Henry Margetson. Oil on canvas. Private collection.
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Annabel Lee

Edgar Allan Poe

Lee

It was many and many a year ago,
 In a kingdom by the sea,
That a maiden there lived whom you may know
 By the name of Annabel Lee;—
5 And this maiden she lived with no other thought
 Than to love and be loved by me. **D**

She was a child and *I* was a child,
 In this kingdom by the sea,
But we loved with a love that was more than love—
10 I and my Annabel Lee—
With a love that the wingéd seraphs¹ of Heaven
 Coveted² her and me. **E**

D RHYME SCHEME
What rhyme scheme is used in the first stanza?

E SPEAKER
What is the speaker's relationship to Annabel Lee?

1. **seraphs** (sĕr'əfs): any of the highest order of angels.

2. **coveted** (kŭv'ĭ-tĭd): envied.